THE BABYLON CODE

Solving the Bible’s Greatest End-Times Mystery

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—Hugh Ross, founder and president, Reasons to Believe
“As you read this investigative book, you will be excused in thinking that you are reading the headlines of today’s newspapers. Paul McGuire and Troy Anderson’s summary of how the world began with a vision of globalization and will end with the same vision will encourage those who are anticipating the return of Christ. By the same token, it is an invitation for those who are living only for this life to come and place their whole faith in Christ alone.”

—Michael Youssef, author of *Jesus, Jihad and Peace*

“As we move more and more into globalism, this book is a great outline and a road map as to how that happened. It began with Nimrod and will end with Antichrist. Through it all, we’re to occupy until Jesus comes, and that message comes through clearly in this book.”

—Jan Markell, founder, Olive Tree Ministries

“If you are wondering what on earth is going on in our world today, you must read this book. The research analyzed within is unparalleled and will give you the facts and insight you need to grasp a deeper understanding about the unbelievable changes taking place in the world today.

“THE BABYLON CODE will provide you with the information and clarity essential to be a Christian of vision equipped to think and live in accordance with a biblical worldview… This book will draw you to your own search of the Scriptures and will develop the assurance in your heart that the Bible is the infallible, inspired, inerrant Word of the Living God.”

—Doc Beshore, president, World Bible Society, and host, Bible Institute of the Air radio program
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The Great Biblical Mystery

Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.

—APOSTLE JOHN, REVELATION 18:10 NKJV

There is nothing more deceptive than an obvious fact.

—SHERLOCK HOLMES, THE BOSCOMBE VALLEY MYSTERY

The world-renowned evangelist Billy Graham, in an exclusive interview, said, “The Bible indicates that as the time for Christ’s return approaches, evil and social chaos may well intensify. Are we living in those days?”

It’s the great question of our time. Are we now living in the last days of planet Earth?

If so, how will the apocalyptic events foreseen by the ancient prophets unfold? Are powerful forces now at work to create a global government, economic system, and religion as predicted in the Bible?

Unlocking a great biblical mystery that has puzzled scholars for nearly two thousand years, The Babylon Code unearths answers to these momentous questions.

In this book, we’ll explore a prophetic enigma that begins in Genesis at the Tower of Babel and ends in Revelation with the Battle of Armageddon. The prediction involves “Mystery, Babylon”—the Bible’s greatest end-times riddle—and reveals how an elite group of wealthy
globalists and their interlocking network of transnational corporations, international banks, government agencies, think tanks, foundations, and secret societies are working to create a global government, cashless society, and universal religion as predicted in Scripture.

The world is at a final turning point. An unparalleled convergence and acceleration in end-times signs is now occurring. These harbingers are geopolitical, economic, scientific, technological, cultural, and moral. To ordinary men and women, these forces are overwhelming, as if a giant tsunami is about to drown everything they’ve ever known or dreamed of.

It’s at this moment that every one of us is confronted with a choice. Either we can allow ourselves to be overcome by fear, leading to panic, or we can seek to understand the nature of the forces behind these events so we can survive.

In an out-of-control, upside-down world, The Babylon Code asks two urgent questions: Is it possible that God embedded a code in the Bible that could be cracked only in the end times? What if by decoding this prophetic cryptogram we could unlock the secret to both our salvation and our survival?

In these pages, we’ll reveal the results of a five-year journalistic investigation that uncovered astonishing evidence that not only has the countdown to Armageddon begun, but the elite are involved in an international political and economic takeover—what one former U.S. official calls a “global financial coup d’état.” As we investigate this prophetic mystery sweeping across time, we’ll unearth evidence that connects a secretive, international power structure with ties to ancient Babylon—the occult-enmeshed civilization where the “magic of money manipulation” originated—to what today’s globalists call the “New World Order.”

Featuring scores of exclusive interviews with prominent world leaders and highly respected experts in geopolitics, economics, science, and
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theology, The Babylon Code is the first book by a mainstream, award-winning investigative journalist and a prophecy expert to explore the nexus between current events, secret societies, and end-times biblical predictions.

We’ll also tell the intriguing backstory—a fateful tale of poetry, music, and a mysterious death involving Ludwig van Beethoven, “Ode to Joy” poet Friedrich von Schiller, and the Bavarian Illuminati—that brought us together to write The Babylon Code.

Follow us on our journey as we piece together this apocalyptic puzzle—uncovering what could be the biggest story and political scandal in modern history. Along the way, we’ll unearth answers to the questions many have about the troubling events now transpiring in the world.

Recent polls and statements by world leaders demonstrate extraordinary public interest in this topic:

• A Barna Group survey found that four in ten Americans—and 77 percent of evangelical Christians—believe the “world is now living in the biblical end times.” A similar poll commissioned by New York Times bestselling author Joel Rosenberg confirmed these results, finding that 41 percent of Americans believe that “events such as the rebirth of the State of Israel, wars, revolutions, instability in the Middle East, widespread national disasters, and the serious threat of a global economic depression are evidence that we are living in what the Bible calls the last days.”

• Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu recently told the United Nations General Assembly that “Biblical prophecies are being realized.” Meanwhile, Pope Francis said the world has entered the “last times” and is at the beginning of a “piecemeal” Third World War.

• A McLaughlin & Associates poll found that 80 percent of Americans fear a “Second Holocaust” in Israel—and 68 percent fear a “nuclear
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holocaust” in the United States—if the world does not take decisive action to stop Iran from building nuclear weapons. A recent Fox News poll found that 84 percent of Americans fear ISIS will soon launch terrorist attacks inside the United States.6

• Meanwhile, 28 percent of American voters believe a secretive power elite with a globalist agenda are working to create an authoritarian world government. Nearly 40 percent of Republican voters agree. A poll by Public Policy Polling—ranked by the Wall Street Journal as one of the nation’s top polling firms—found that 19 percent of voters believe secret societies such as Yale University’s Skull and Bones produce America’s political and financial leaders to serve the wealthy elite. Further, the poll found that 17 percent of voters think a group of world bankers are slowly eliminating paper currency to create a cashless society and global economic system.7

The World Is at a Final Turning Point

These stunning poll results come amid an explosion of interest in the end times. In recent years, a seemingly nonstop series of crises has prompted many to ask whether the conclusion of the human epoch is quickly approaching. These concerns have intensified since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks—an event that shocked the world and that some saw as the biggest wake-up call in the nation’s history. Since then, disaster after disaster has battered the planet—the Indian Ocean tsunami, Hurricane Katrina, the Haiti earthquake, the global economic meltdown, and the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster. Recently, people worldwide have been intrigued by the convergence of a rare set of four blood moons and the biblical Shemitah, along with Sir Isaac Newton’s end-times prediction known as “Newton’s Riddle” regarding 2015–2016—asking whether these are portents of the beginning of the end. A number of prophecy scholars in recent years have uncovered biblical
mysteries and riddles they say point toward the possible fulfillment of end-times prophecies between 2015 and 2028.

Nations are drowning in unparalleled levels of debt. Fears of a cataclysmic economic collapse and hyperinflation are rising. Tensions between Russia and America are growing, ISIS is warning the West of “Armageddon,” and North Korea has threatened a nuclear strike on the United States. Some experts believe Iran may already have nuclear weapons—further raising the specter of the unthinkable. Meanwhile, the World Economic Forum says the world is experiencing record-breaking natural disasters and extreme weather, not to mention worsening global drought and famine. Scientists are sounding the alarm about the dangers of mega-earthquakes and tsunamis, the Yellowstone supervolcano, solar storms, and massive tornadoes the likes of which the world has never seen before.

A report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change urged the world to prepare for more intense drought, famine, floods, freak weather, and heat waves—emphasizing that the “world’s food supply is at considerable risk.” Due to the dramatic and unprecedented planetary climate change, the globe is on the verge of massive food and water shortages. This is expected to lead to battles over food and water over the next five to ten years.

A Brookings Institution report put it bluntly: The world is in an “unprecedented state of crisis.”

Is this the end of civilization?

Noam Chomsky, a political theorist and a professor of linguistics emeritus at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who is considered “one of the world’s most controversial thinkers,” pondered that question in his recent article “The End of History?: The Short, Strange Era of Human Civilization Would Appear to Be Drawing to a Close.” “It is not pleasant to contemplate the thoughts that must be passing through the mind of the Owl of Minerva as the dusk falls and she undertakes
the task of interpreting the era of human civilization, which may now be approaching its inglorious end,” Chomsky wrote.11

The question of whether civilization will indeed approach its “inglorious end” is now in our hands, Chomsky said in an exclusive interview. “Since 1945 we have lived in the shadow of possible nuclear war, and it was understood a long time ago that a nuclear war would have horrendous consequences, from which the power that initiated it would not escape,” Chomsky says. “The threat has too often come ominously close, in part through foolhardy and irresponsible actions, in part through accidents that have been barely averted. Those dangers persist, but at least in this case we know in principle how to mitigate them. That is not so obvious from the twin threat of environmental catastrophe, towards which we are marching resolutely. . . . For the first time in human history we have to decide whether we will bring human civilization to an inglorious end or will try seriously to carry the experiment forward.”12

Chomsky’s concerns are echoed in a recent study by professors and researchers at the University of Maryland and the University of Minnesota who found that civilization could be headed for an “irreversible collapse” because of unsustainable resource exploitation and increasingly unequal wealth distribution between the rich and the poor.13

A recent Oxfam report titled “Working for the Few” found wealthy elites have “co-opted political power to rig the rules of the economic game, undermining democracy”—creating a world where the eighty-five richest people own nearly half the world’s wealth. The report found that 1 percent of the world’s population control 46 percent, or $110 trillion, of its wealth. The richest 10 percent possess 86 percent of the globe’s wealth. Noting growing public awareness of this “power-grab,” the report found that increasing inequality is helping the rich undermine democratic processes and drive government policies that promote their interests at the expense of everyone else’s.14
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Meanwhile, a growing number of scientists, philosophers, and “tech billionaires” at Oxford, Cambridge, MIT, and the University of California, Berkeley, believe the world needs to start thinking seriously about the threat of human extinction. Curiously, they warn that one of the risks that threatens human civilization is a “world dictatorship” or a “global totalitarian state.” These prestigious universities recently created several institutes to help humanity prepare for the Apocalypse, including Oxford’s Future of Humanity Institute, Cambridge’s Centre for the Study of Existential Risk, MIT’s Future of Life Institute, and UC Berkeley’s Machine Intelligence Research Institute. The physicists, philosophers, biologists, economists, computer scientists, and mathematicians at these institutes are “students of the apocalypse,” New Statesman assistant editor Sophie McBain wrote in her story “Apocalypse Soon: The Scientists Preparing for the End Times.” “Predictions of the end of history are as old as history itself, but the 21st century poses new threats,” McBain wrote. “The development of nuclear weapons marked the first time that we had the technology to end all human life. Since then, advances in synthetic biology and nanotechnology have increased the potential for human beings to do catastrophic harm by accident or through deliberate, criminal intent.”

The Convergence

While secular experts warn of societal collapse and the end of civilization brought about by overexploitation of natural resources, the technological “singularity,” and an “unimaginable level of income inequality,” faith leaders say the roots of the world’s problems are spiritual in nature and coincide with an unparalleled acceleration and convergence in signs of the last days.

In an exclusive interview, Billy Graham—the famed evangelist who
has preached to more people (2.2 billion) than any Protestant in history and has been on Gallup’s list of the world’s most admired men fifty-eight times since 1955, more than any other individual on earth—says he believes the world is approaching the “end of the age.” “We’re coming toward the end of the age, not the end of the world or the earth but the end of the age—the period that God has set aside for this particular time,” Graham says. “There’s a great deal to say in the Bible about the signs we’re to watch for, and when these signs all converge at one place we can be sure that we’re close to the end of the age. And those signs in my judgment are converging now for the first time since Jesus made those predictions.”

Graham’s remarks follow a letter he released in the summer of 2012 comparing America to ancient Nineveh—the lone superpower of its time. When the prophet Jonah finally traveled to Nineveh and proclaimed God’s warning, the people repented and escaped judgment. He believes the same thing can happen in America.

The open letter to “America and its deceived people” was followed by Graham’s My Hope America broadcast during the week of November 7, 2013—his ninety-fifth birthday. During what was described as the largest event in the six-decade history of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Graham called on people worldwide to turn back to God. In his most recent book, The Reason & My Hope: Salvation, Graham warned that society “can’t go on much longer in the sea of immorality without judgment coming.”

Greg Laurie, pastor at the fifteen-thousand-member Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside, California, and president of Harvest Crusades, says Graham is a “prophetic voice, and to me it’s like Isaiah or Jeremiah standing up and telling our nation what we need to do. We would be wise to heed his warning and his admonitions and turn back to God because I believe God’s prophet is speaking to us.”

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, author of the New York Times bestselling
books *The Harbinger* and *The Mystery of the Shemitah* and a descendant of Aaron, the brother of the biblical prophet Moses, says Graham’s message has grown “more and more prophetic” in recent years.21

“Before God brings a nation into judgment, he sends warning,” says Cahn, whose book *The Harbinger* is based on a real-life prophetic mystery he discovered in the Bible that unveils the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the “War on Terror,” and the 2008 global economic meltdown. “Before he brought judgment and destruction on ancient Israel, he warned them. *The Harbinger* is the revealing of how the same nine harbingers of judgment which appeared in the last days of ancient Israel are now reappearing on American soil.”22

Philip Ryken, president of Wheaton College and the author of *Kingdom, Come: Looking Forward to Jesus’ Return*, agrees that today’s end-times signs—rampant immorality, growing religious apostasy, and the worsening persecution and slaughter of Christians worldwide—fit in with the biblical prophecies about the terrible times of the last days. At the same time, though, Ryken notes that the gospel is being preached throughout the world, including the last of the unreached people groups. “The fact that the gospel has now been proclaimed to more people in more places than at any time in the history of the world encourages us that the Great Commission is being fulfilled and reminds us that we are closer than ever to the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus that the gospel will be preached to the whole world and then the end will come.”23

Joel Rosenberg—a former adviser to Netanyahu and the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Implosion: Can America Recover from Its Economic & Spiritual Challenges in Time?*—says he was taken aback by the Israeli prime minister’s remarks before the United Nations.24 Netanyahu’s comments referred to a prediction in the Bible about the rebirth of the nation of Israel in the end times. Bible scholars consider the 1948 establishment of the State of Israel as the prophetic supersign that the world has entered the “end of the end times.”25
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“There are very few world leaders who believe Bible prophecies are coming true in our lifetime, much less are willing to say that publicly,” Rosenberg says. “I’m trying to draw a little bit more attention to [Netanyahu’s comment], its significance, and a question raised by it: If the prophecies related to the rebirth of the State of Israel have come true in our lifetime, when will other major Bible prophecies come true as well?”

Is the World in the Run-Up to the Second Coming?

In addition to the rebirth of Israel, the Bible predicts a series of events in the run-up to the Second Coming—an explosion in knowledge, the development of “mark of the Beast” technologies, and ultimately the creation of a global government, cashless society, and false religious system. Consider these recent stories:

- “Russian General Seeks Nuclear First-Strike Option Against US” (Sean Piccoli, Newsmax, September 4, 2014).
- “Gorbachev Issues New Warning of Nuclear War Over Ukraine” (Newsmax, January 10, 2015).
- “Is the ‘Mark of the Beast’ the Future of Money?” (Catholic Online, April 2, 2014).
• “Henry Kissinger on the Assembly of a New World Order” (Henry Kissinger, Wall Street Journal, August 29, 2014).
• “Billy Graham Sounds Alarm for 2nd Coming” (Troy Anderson, WND.com, October 20, 2013).

As these headlines reveal, prominent world and faith leaders and military officials are openly talking about the possibility of a nuclear conflagration, a devastating electromagnetic pulse attack on the United States, a worldwide economic collapse, and the end of the world. Even more remarkably, experts in science, economics, and geopolitics across the political spectrum agree that the planet is facing a confluence of unparalleled dangers.

Polls show that there is widespread anxiety about the future. On one hand, many believe climate change poses an existential threat to humanity. On the other, leaders of many faiths say events in recent decades suggest ancient prophecies are coming true. Throughout the world, people sense something epochal is occurring. The most optimistic—futurists, transhumanists, New Agers, and the “technorati”—believe humanity is on the cusp of a technology-driven quantum leap forward, a “climax in human cultural evolution” that will usher in a “techno-utopian” New Age era. Others, such as Tesla Motors and SpaceX founder Elon Musk, have warned that superintelligent computers might exterminate humanity following the “singularity”—a term coined by Google director of engineering Ray Kurzweil to describe the point in time when he expects computers to become more intelligent than humans. Kurzweil predicted this will occur by 2029.

Others are alarmed by the deepening chaos and immorality in the world. A Barna Group poll found that 81 percent of Americans believe morality is in a free fall.

Many believe the world is on the verge of an economic and societal collapse that will ultimately lead to what the Bible calls the Tribulation—a
seven-year period of unparalleled mayhem that culminates in the Battle of Armageddon. It is commonly believed that this period will begin when the Antichrist—a charismatic but satanically inspired political leader—signs a peace treaty with Israel. During the first half of the Tribulation, the world will experience a time of peace and prosperity. But in the latter half, the Antichrist will consolidate his power and institute a global government, economic system, and religion with the help of the False Prophet. During this time, he will declare himself to be God, require universal worship, and demand that people take the notorious “mark of the Beast.” Without it, people won’t be able to earn a living or even buy the necessities of life. By the time of the final battle, prophecy experts believe anywhere from one-half to two-thirds or more of the world’s population will have perished via war, disease, starvation, cataclysmic natural disasters, and the Antichrist’s unparalleled bloody reign of terror.

Many today are unaware that we are now approaching the final battle for our world and that everything we see happening is connected with that conflict. Against this apocalyptic backdrop, the key question is: What powerful forces could bring about the unprecedented, end-times events predicted in the Bible—especially a global government and cashless society?

To understand what is happening today, we need to go back in time to Genesis. The Bible is embedded with a prophetic code that predicts what is happening now. This biblical riddle revolves around Babylon and the coming of a world-state, world economic system, and world religion.

The Origin of “Mystery, Babylon”—the First Secret Society

Thousands of years ago, a massive cataclysm destroyed everyone except a man named Noah, his family, and countless animals protected in a giant wooden ark. The biblical account of this famous story is corroborated by
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the fact that civilizations around the world have passed down knowledge of a great flood that wiped out the known ancient world.

When this massive deluge subsided, mankind sought to rebuild civilization and developed a secret occult plan the apostle John described in Revelation 17:5 (KJV) as “Mystery, Babylon.” It’s a prophetic riddle that has mystified Bible scholars ever since Jesus’ beloved disciple penned those enigmatic words nearly two millennia ago. “Mystery, Babylon” was a secret system of knowledge that an ancient ruler named Nimrod tapped into when he built the Tower of Babel and ancient Babylon. Under Nimrod’s rule, ancient man believed that the human race could survive and prosper by creating a worldwide government, economy, and religion.

Babylon was ruled by a secret society known as “Mystery, Babylon.” Under this system, mankind believed that it could accomplish anything and become gods. According to Genesis, God looked down from heaven and saw into the hearts of men and their sinful desire to become gods. God judged ancient Babylon by confusing their language and scattering the tribes of humanity throughout the earth.

Despite this judgment, the dark, occult teachings of “Mystery, Babylon” were passed on from generation to generation through secret societies that arose in Egypt, Rome, China, South America, and even North America. One of the common themes of “Mystery, Babylon” was that it produced a secret society of god-kings who ruled the world’s most powerful empires through political, economical, and spiritual systems.

In ancient Egypt, the pharaoh was a god-king. In ancient Rome, the caesars were worshipped as gods, and giant temples were built to consolidate their religious-political power. The great mystery hidden in the Incan and Mayan temples offers archaeological proof of the god-king system that began in Babylon. Through a succession of secret societies, “Mystery, Babylon” took root in Europe and eventually migrated to the United States.
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In the early 1600s, a secret occult plan for America was conceived by English lawyer, statesman, and philosopher Sir Francis Bacon, head of one of the world’s most powerful secret societies—the Rosicrucian Order. Bacon, who played a leading role in creating the British colonies, wanted America to become the head of a utopian new world—the New Atlantis, also the title of one of his books. Later, the Rosicrucian Order merged with the Bavarian Illuminati, an Enlightenment-era secret society founded by University of Ingolstadt law professor Adam Weishaupt in 1776, the year of America’s birth. Although the Bavarian government officially banned these groups a decade later, many believe these secret societies infiltrated the world’s most powerful banking families, the political realm, and European royalty. The evidence uncovered in our five-year investigation—which included more than one hundred interviews and the review of hundreds of books and tens of thousands of pages of government documents, academic papers, and news articles—reveals that these power brokers are actively working behind the scenes now to rebuild the ancient Babylonian system and bring about what globalists today call the New World Order.

Global Domination and a Cashless Society

In journalism, investigative reporters are often told to “follow the money” to uncover the real truth behind a story. Likewise, money and the “love of money” is a prominent theme throughout the Bible. In fact, it is such an important topic that it is the main subject of nearly half of Jesus’ parables. In the New Testament, one in every seven verses deals with money. And while the Bible contains about five hundred verses regarding prayer, it contains more than two thousand verses about money.30

So it’s no surprise that money and rampant materialism play an important role in the rise of “Mystery, Babylon” in the end times. As
the world’s governments amass unprecedented levels of debt, many are asking how it will all end. Many believe the global recession and the international debt crisis are just the beginning of events that will lead to the global economic system foretold by the prophets.

Today, for the first time in history since Genesis 11 and the Tower of Babel, the potential of a global government and cashless society is within mankind’s reach. All the necessary components are in place for creating a socialistic world government—the surveillance state, political bodies such as the United Nations, electronic banking, and microchip implants. Not surprisingly, the headline of a recent FoxNews.com story asked, “Is there a microchip implant in your future?” “You can inject one under your skin and no one will ever notice,” the author wrote. “Using short-range radio frequency identification (RFID) signals, it can transmit your identity as you pass through a security checkpoint or walk into a football stadium. It can help you buy groceries at Wal-Mart.” During confirmation hearings for U.S. Supreme Court chief justice John Roberts, Vice President Joe Biden told him that a microscopic tag could be “implanted in a person’s body to track his every movement.” “There is actual discussion about that,” Biden told Roberts. “You will rule on that, mark my words, before your tenure is over.” While seldom mentioned in the mainstream media, the push for “global governance” has advanced significantly in recent years. At an upcoming UN summit, the nations of the world are scheduled to approve a sweeping set of sustainable development goals costing trillions of dollars, including unspecified “reforms of the mechanisms of global governance.” The authors of the UN report containing these reforms note that the next fifteen years will be some of the “most transformative in human history.”

Meanwhile, biometrics, digital currencies, and similar technologies are moving the world ever closer to a cashless society. In a CNBC.com article—“Cashless Society: A Huge Threat to Our Freedom”—Signature
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Bank chairman Scott A. Shay warned of the dangers of the “sprint to a cashless economy.” Shay went on to say, “This will happen in such a way as to permit governments to exercise incredibly powerful control over all human behavior. While this may sound like a paranoid doomsday scenario to some, as a real-world financial professional, I believe that this scenario is not only eminently possible, but most of the technology is already available—albeit not yet fully marshaled—to frighteningly make it reality.”

Increasingly, these and similar articles are showing up in the mainstream media or in reports by think tanks and nonprofit organizations. Recently, Hudson Institute senior fellow John Fonte—author of Sovereignty or Submission: Will Americans Rule Themselves or Be Ruled by Others?—wrote that the world is at the beginning of an epic international political and ideological conflict between the forces of global governance and the democratic nation-state, especially the United States and Israel.

“The concept of ‘global governance’ is in the air,” Fonte wrote. “For many of the world’s elites—who gather at places like Geneva, Davos, The Hague, UN headquarters in Manhattan, and wherever the G20 meets—global governance is the ‘big idea.’ Leading thinkers argue that today’s global issues are too complex for the ‘obsolete’ nation-state system… We are told that ‘sovereignty’ must be redefined as something that is ‘shared’ or ‘pooled.’” Fonte noted that there is nothing hidden or conspiratorial about the global governance movement or its goals. “The globalists’ objectives are found, not in dusty memoranda or ‘secret’ Bilderberg or Trilateral Commission conferences, but on the websites of the United Nations, the European Union, the American Bar Association, Yale Law School, and the Ford Foundation.”

In a recent article in the prestigious Financial Times, “And Now for a World Government,” Gideon Rachman went even further, saying that he believes the “formation of some sort of world government is plausible. A ‘world government’ would involve much more than co-operation...
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between nations. It would be an entity with state-like characteristics, backed by a body of laws. The European Union has already set up a continental government for 27 countries, which could be a model. The E.U. has a supreme court, a currency, thousands of pages of laws, a large civil service and the ability to deploy military force.35

John W. Whitehead, a constitutional law attorney, president of the Rutherford Institute, and the author of *A Government of Wolves: The Emerging American Police State*, says the superwealthy now “run the show” and are cleverly orchestrating the creation of a global government without the knowledge of the vast majority of the world’s population. This emerging “global state” will maintain “the semblance of the fictional nation-state, but operate like a global society”—at least initially. “Let’s say there is a global secret government now,” Whitehead says. “You wouldn’t want it to look like a global government. You’d want different countries. People want to be American or Russian or French. They want to have nations . . . I think if you want a global society, you would keep the semblance of the nations and there would be something to keep people in check.”36

During the transition to this new global system, the elite are using a multipronged strategy to ensure its success and avoid a worldwide uprising. This strategy involves corporate-controlled media that keep people entertained and distracted and usually report only information already vetted by the government, intimidation, and even arrests of those who object to what is happening, and the development of an aggressive surveillance state.

Whitehead calls this the “global electronic concentration camp”—a brave new world in which governments are partnering with corporations like Google to monitor people’s e-mails, text messages, and telephone calls, and to track their movements with literally millions of cameras. “What’s emerging, obviously, is a corporate state in America, but probably it will be stretching around the world with drones and satellites—a
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corporate global society. Look at China. China is a corporate state—a
corporate tyranny.”37

The New World Order

Since at least the early twentieth century, globalists have openly called for
the creation of a New World Order. This began with President Woodrow
Wilson in 1917, was picked up by Vice President Nelson Rockefeller
in the late 1960s, and was championed repeatedly by President George
H. W. Bush in the late 1980s and early 1990s. It has since been repeated
by British prime minister Tony Blair, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev,
banker and philanthropist David Rockefeller, and Vice President Biden.
“The affirmative task we have now is—is to actually create a new world
order,” Biden told the Export-Import Bank Annual Conference in 2013.
In the wake of the global economic crisis, Pope Benedict called for the
creation of a “global public authority.” Even Adolf Hitler called for its
creation: “National socialism will use its own revolution for the establish‑
ing of ‘a new world order.”38

“The New World Order, of course, is not exactly a new idea,” says
Jim Marrs, a former Fort Worth Star-Telegram investigative reporter and
the New York Times bestselling author of Rule by Secrecy and Crossfire:
The Plot That Killed Kennedy, the source for Hollywood director Oliver
Stone’s film JFK. “You can go all the way back through history and find
people who talked about instituting a new order in the world. It’s got‑
ten to have the connotation that this means the push for a one-world
government. I would even go so far as to say that the wealthy elite, this
one percent, realize that they need to control everything if they are going
to maintain their power and monopolies. So, yes, they are pushing for
one-world socialism.”39

The move toward global socialism—as detailed in the Newsweek cover
story “We Are All Socialists Now: The Perils and Promise of the New Era
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“Introduction of Big Government”—has its modern roots in books and articles written by the Fabian socialists of Great Britain. This includes playwright and London School of Economics cofounder George Bernard Shaw; H. G. Wells, a purported British intelligence operative and author of *The New World Order* and *The Open Conspiracy: Blue Prints for a World Revolution*; and Aldous Huxley, author of *Brave New World* and brother of Dr. Julian Huxley, an internationalist, president of the British Eugenics Society, and the first director of UNESCO—a specialized UN agency that promotes “global citizenship education.” The Fabian socialists have had a far greater impact on the modern world than many would suspect. Jerry Bowyer, a chief economist at BenchMark Financial Network, wrote in a *Forbes* article that President Barack Obama is a Fabian socialist. “Fabians believed in gradual naturalization of the economy through manipulation of the democratic process,” Bowyer wrote. “Breaking away from the violent revolutionary socialists of their day, they thought that the only real way to effect ‘fundamental change’ and ‘social justice’ was through a mass movement of the working classes presided over by intellectual and cultural elites.”40

The rise of the New World Order aligns with prophecies in Daniel and Revelation regarding an end-times global government, economy, and religion that will hold the entire world in its grip. Many prophecy scholars believe some type of international crisis will serve as the catalyst facilitating the rise of the predicted global dictator who will oversee this Orwellian geopolitical-military, economic, and religious system.

“The Antichrist will initially be a man of peace and he will be a man with global and economic solutions,” Greg Laurie says. “He will be able to get the Israelis and the Arab nations to sign some kind of peace agreement. He will come as a false messiah. So any talk I hear of a one-world currency and a one-world government is certainly a cause for concern if it means a move toward the end-times scenario spoken of in Revelation.”41
Mark Hitchcock, a pastor, lawyer, prophecy scholar, and adjunct professor at Dallas Theological Seminary, says globalization is setting the stage for the fulfillment of end-times predictions. “The Bible tells us in Revelation 13 that there is going to be a one-world economy, a one-world religion, and there is going to be a one-world government in the end, and so to me the globalism that we see today points toward that,” Hitchcock says. “How much longer will it take for the stage to be set? No one knows.”

The move toward a cashless society, the exponential growth of the surveillance state, and the development of mark of the Beast technologies are the necessary components for the total societal control the Bible predicts the Antichrist and the False Prophet will wield.

A recent Entrepreneur.com article noted that “implantable chips are already in use and growing.” “It’s only a matter of time before those [chips] migrate under our skin into our bodies,” according to Peter Eckersley, the lead technologist at the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

During the Tribulation, the Antichrist will require everyone—under penalty of death—to “receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark,” according to Revelation 13:16–17 (niv). Mark Hitchcock believes a cashless society is coming. “I think we are seeing the beginning of it already. When we look at our world today, we see things moving in that direction, and in some cases, rapidly. To me, the convergence of all these things is staggering.”

Is the Illuminati (If It Even Exists) Really Bent on World Conquest?

Amid this convergence in end-times signs, the central question is what forces could bring about the return of “Mystery, Babylon” and “Babylon the Great”—the final geopolitical, economic, and spiritual system
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described in Revelation 17–18. In recent years, a number of prophetic scholars have drawn parallels between the New World Order and the revived Roman Empire that the biblical prophet Daniel predicted would arise in the last days.45

These experts and esoteric researchers claim that the Illuminati—the pop culture moniker for the elite and their interlocking networks of transnational corporations, international banks, government agencies, think tanks, foundations, and secret societies—are behind the push to create a global government, economy, and New Age religious system “not seen since the Tower of Babel.”46

While this power structure is known popularly as the Illuminati, former MI6 intelligence agent John Coleman calls its inner core “the Committee of 300.” In his book with a subtitle of the same name, Coleman described this cabal as a highly organized secret society with “tentacles reaching into every level of government of the world, backed and run by men of the highest education and intelligence, with vast resources at their disposal.”47

The late Georgetown University history professor Carroll Quigley, a noted expert on secret societies whom President Bill Clinton (one of Quigley’s students) cited as an important influence, wrote about this hidden power structure in his classic 1966 book, Tragedy & Hope: A History of the World in Our Time: “The powers of financial capitalism had another far-reaching aim, nothing less than to create a world system of financial control in private hands able to dominate the political system of each country and the economy of the world as a whole. This system was to be controlled in a feudalist fashion by the central banks of the world acting in concert, by secret agreements arrived at in frequent private meetings and conferences.”48

Fascinatingly, a 2011 study by the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology found that a very small core group of banks and giant corporations
dominate the global economic system. The researchers found this core group—described as an “economic super-entity”—consists of just 147 very tightly knit companies, mostly banks.49

This power structure has many facets, front groups, and interlocking power centers, including the Bilderberg Group, Council on Foreign Relations, Royal Institute of International Affairs, World Trade Organization, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Federal Reserve, CIA, MI6, Round Table, Trilateral Commission, Club of Rome, Bohemian Grove, Yale University’s Skull and Bones, and UN, experts say.

The late Antony C. Sutton, a British and American economist and historian and a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, wrote in America’s Secret Establishment: An Introduction to the Order of Skull & Bones that the infamous Yale University society is a “multigenerational foreign-based secret society with fingers in all kinds of pies and roots going back to ‘Illuminati’ influences in 1830’s Germany.”50

Historians agree that the Bavarian Illuminati was an actual secret society. The big question is whether it survived the Bavarian government’s 1786 ban on secret societies, still exists today in some form, or helped inspire and fund the creation of other secret societies and clandestine organizations.51

In his book Rapture (Under Attack), Tim LaHaye, coauthor of the Left Behind series of end-times thrillers that has sold more than eighty million copies, wrote that he spent more than four decades studying the “satanically-inspired, centuries-old conspiracy to use government, education, and media to destroy every vestige of Christianity within our society and establish a New World Order. Having read at least fifty books on the Illuminati, I am convinced that it exists and can be blamed for many of man’s inhumane actions against his fellow man during the
past two hundred years... For twenty years my wife and I have worked tirelessly to halt the effects of this conspiracy on the church, our government, media, and the public schools... An enormous amount of evidence proves that the secularization of our once Judeo-Christian society has not been an accident but is the result of the devilishly clever scheming carried on by this secret order."

One of the primary books about the Bavarian Illuminati was written by John Robison in 1798. Robison, a professor of natural philosophy at the University of Edinburgh, a contributor to *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, secretary to the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and a former Freemason, wrote in *Proofs of a Conspiracy: Against All the Religions and Governments of Europe, Carried on in the Secret Meetings of Free Masons, Illuminati, and Reading Societies*, that the Bavarian government had discovered documents in the possession of Illuminati members that contained plans for overthrowing the governments of Europe and "rooting out" Christianity. Although the Bavarian government had outlawed secret societies, Robison wrote that it was revived afterward under another name all over Germany: "It was again detected, and seemingly broken up, but it had by this time taken so deep root that it still subsists without being detected, and has spread into all the countries of Europe. It took its first rise among the Free Masons, but is totally different from Free Masonry."

But Trevor W. McKeown, curator of the library and archives at the nine-thousand-member Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon, says the Bavarian Illuminati existed for only eight years in the late 1700s and the historical records indicate it didn’t have “any real effect on the beliefs, ceremonies or rituals of Freemasonry.” The Bavarian Illuminati advocated the “extremely radical and revolutionary” ideas of separation of church and state, limits on the power of the state, and emancipation of the people. “So as far as Western civilization is concerned, the
Illuminati won, and each and every one of us is the recipients of those values,” McKeown says.54

Muralist and radio host Robert Hieronimus, a co-Mason and author of *Founding Fathers, Secret Societies: Free Masons, Illuminati, Rosicrucians, and the Decoding of the Great Seal*, also rejects claims that the Illuminati infiltrated Freemasonry and “since then the Masons have served as the cover organization for men of power to control the rest of humanity.” “I am not about to deny the existence of covert groups of powerful men who meet for shadowy purposes of mind control of the masses,” Hieronimus—a Great Seal expert whose research has been used by the White House and the U.S. State Department and a highly acclaimed artist whose works include the famous “Woodstock Bus” and the prophetic *Apocalypse* mural at Johns Hopkins University—wrote in his book *The United Symbolism of America*. “However, I am wholeheartedly of the belief that this is not being done through the auspices of the modern Freemasons.”55

Likewise, Jim Marrs agrees that the vast majority of Freemasons are not “sinister conspirators.” “That’s not the case at all,” Marrs said on the History Channel special “Secret Societies.” “But what Masonic historians and authors have made very, very plain is that within Freemasonry there’s a small inner core, an inner circle if you will, of people who have some knowledge of the true agenda, and then you have the huge outer circle that basically doesn’t even know the inner circle exists.”56

Public fascination with the Illuminati, Freemasonry, and other secret societies has grown dramatically in recent years, especially since the release of blockbuster books and films like Dan Brown’s *The Da Vinci Code* and *Angels & Demons*; and *National Treasure* starring Nicolas Cage. Secret societies and their symbols—pyramids, obelisks, temples, altars, and the all-seeing eye—are now pop culture phenomena that appear regularly in films, TV shows, music videos, music award shows,
and Olympic Games ceremonies, and even on supermarket stands with publications like *Time* magazine’s *Secret Societies: Decoding the Myths and Facts of History’s Most Mysterious Organizations* and Devra Newberger Speregen and Debra Mostow Zakarin’s *Secret Societies: The Truth Revealed*. 

*Illuminati* is a buzzword among youth and is part of hip-hop culture. Musical artists such as Jay-Z, Lady Gaga, and others often flash the “pyramid signal” in their music videos and during concerts. “Jay-Z has an understanding of the magnetic power of some of these symbols—the Pentagram, the eye in the pyramid, the obelisk—and he uses them as an artist,” Mitch Horowitz, editor in chief of Tarcher/Penguin and author of *Occult America: White House Séances, Ouija Circles, Masons, and the Secret Mystic History of Our Nation*, said on a recent *HuffPost Live* segment. “These things have deep historical roots, but they were popularized in the modern world by Freemasonry. The Illuminati as an organization existed kind of at the fringe margins of Freemasonry and they were very much attached to these symbols because they believed they communicated something about a universal search for meaning. There were many of the Founding Fathers, including [George] Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Hancock, who also found these symbols appealing and they imbued our currency and the design of our capital with some of these symbols.” On the *HuffPost Live* segment titled “Why Are People Obsessed with the Illuminati?,” host Marc Lamont Hill spoke to Horowitz, as well as a columnist from the *Washington Post* and an editor at *Reason* magazine, about the Illuminati. Hill, a journalist, author, television personality, and associate professor at Teachers College, Columbia University, said people worldwide—and “not just people in tinfoil hats in their basements, but everyday people who go to work, who watch TV, who vote in elections, your friends, my friends”—believe “that the world is run by these people.”

Hill stated, “I begin from the premise that a small group of people run
the world. That is empirically true when it comes to wealth, right—that one or two or three percent of the world controls like sixty-five to seventy percent of the wealth. It’s no secret to anyone that decisions about how the world functions, who gets elected, and who is going to run are not really made in ballot boxes, but are made in private rooms. It’s not a question of whether or not there is rule by the few. The question is: What is the nature of that organization? What is the nature of how power is organized? It could be the Illuminati. It could be the Bilderbergs. It could be people with wealth and money. It could be something else. That’s what we want to unpack. So no one is disputing the idea that small groups of people run the world. The question is: What is the nature of that arrangement of power?"58

Our research into this question uncovered extensive proof that this “invisible government” or “secret government”—as President Theodore Roosevelt and journalist Bill Moyers have described it—is indeed the world’s predominant power structure.59

Many of the Founding Fathers, U.S. presidents, prominent world leaders, and others, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Yale University president Timothy Dwight, Harvard University president Joseph Willard, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Winston Churchill, and John F. Kennedy, warned of the dangers of the wealthy elite, their secret societies, and interconnected political and financial networks. They spoke of the “money power,” the “invisible government,” and “a small group of dominant men” with inordinate power and influence.60

Are the Illuminati still in existence? Is it—as some researchers have claimed—made up of thirteen wealthy and powerful families who trace their bloodlines back to the royalty of Europe, Rome, Egypt, and even ancient Babylon? If so, what exactly is it, what kind of power does it wield, and are its members really intent on controlling the world and its wealth? Or is the “Illuminati” simply the pop culture term for the
real power structure in today’s world, the plutocracy—the elitists who exercise power over the planet’s governments by virtue of their extreme wealth?

A recent Rolling Stone article titled “Everything Is Rigged: The Biggest Price-Fixing Scandal Ever” offered intriguing insight into this question: “Conspiracy theorists of the world, believers in the hidden hands of the Rothschilds and the Masons and the Illuminati, we skeptics owe you an apology. You were right. The players may be a little different, but your basic premise is correct: The world is a rigged game. We found this out in recent months, when a series of related corruption stories spilled out of the financial sector, suggesting the world’s largest banks may be fixing the prices of, well, just about everything.”

In his book The Trillion-Dollar Conspiracy, Jim Marrs wrote, “The global financiers—the global plutocrats of Wall Street, London, and Switzerland—have manipulated Western history for at least the past century.” Now, Americans are living under the “tyranny of a New World Order”—a world run by elites connected to the Bilderberg Group, Council on Foreign Relations, Trilateral Commission, and similar organizations.

Many of these people trace their lineage to the royals of Europe, Charlemagne, the Roman caesars, the pharaohs of Egypt, and even Nimrod. “The Rothschild banking dynasty, for example, they believe themselves to be the descendants of Nimrod, who was the ancient god-king of Sumer,” Marrs says. “So there is a strange aspect to the whole thing, and yet when you actually begin to study it there is quite compelling evidence that this ruling elite—this 1 percent, this New World Order bunch, this Illuminati, whatever you want to call them—is actually just one and the same of the bloodlines that have come down through antiquity.”
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The Reason for Our Hope

Regardless of the names people use to describe this clandestine power structure, our investigation uncovered significant evidence connecting the world’s most infamous secret society, the Bible’s greatest prophetic riddle, and what Billy Graham calls the “end of the age.” Based on the extensive evidence laid out in The Babylon Code, we believe secret societies with roots in the mystery religions of the Tower of Babel and ancient Babylon are engaged in activities that are setting the stage for the fulfillment of end-times biblical prophecies.

However, this doesn’t mean it’s a fait accompli. God gave us free will, and we believe there is still hope. Throughout the Bible there are examples of people and nations turning back to God and escaping destruction.

We believe that there is a personal living God of the universe who ultimately controls the destiny of the world and that he embedded a code in the Bible that has largely remained an enigma for nearly two millennia. We also believe that God gave each man and woman the power to decipher this code by reading God’s Word. Jesus Christ said, “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:32 esv).

When we understand this code the truth opens up to us. We discover that there is a force at work not only in the world but in our personal lives that is far greater than the chaos. Ultimately, that force for good is embodied in Jesus. Even in the middle of the pandemonium there is a real reason for hope, and that hope is Jesus.

At a certain point in human history, at a time known only to God, Jesus will return to this earth at his second coming. At that time, he will destroy the counterfeit New World Order, and “Mystery, Babylon” will fall. At the Second Coming, God will usher in a brand-new world, a new heaven, a new earth, and the New Jerusalem. Jesus will conquer death, and all those who put their faith in him will be given new bodies
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and live forever. Jesus said these words: “Behold, I make all things new” (Rev. 21:5 KJV). When we trust in that reality we have an unshakable hope.

In fact, Revelation is the Bible’s greatest book of hope. It reveals God’s final chapter in the story of humanity’s salvation that began in Genesis. In the end, God is victorious. That’s the great hope of our faith, and that’s why “God’s prophet” is sounding the alarm regarding the Second Coming.